

...fruit spurs. A proper balance between the above two factors. Nitrates and carbohydrates gives proper growth and fruiting in a plant, therefore the fundamental principle underlying pruning is to first establish this proper balance and then to maintain it. Pruning is however only one means of maintaining this balance. Soil fertility is if anything, more important. Pruning therefore should be regarded not as an independent operation but as being correlated with other things, particularly soil fertility and cultivation. How do pruning and soil fertility help to maintain this balance? Consider first these factors—

A. Though there be abundance of nitrates in the soil yet without sufficient carbohydrates growth is weak and the tree or plant is unfruitful. Abundance of nitrogen is not sufficient in itself. B. An abundance of nitrates with sufficient carbohydrates makes for strong growth and no fruit. This is the usual condition of young trees which have not come into bearing and of older vigorous growing trees, which are unproductive. C. A relative decrease of nitrates from condition B in proportion to the carbohydrates makes for an accumulation of the carbohydrates and this condition in turn gives fruitfulness, fertility and lessened growth. This is the normal condition of bearing trees and is the most quickly reached by the tree having the largest functioning leaf area. D. A further reduction of nitrates, the carbohydrates remaining constant, makes for a reduction of both growth and fruitfulness. This condition is most frequently found in old trees or trees in poor or dry soils. Pruning of trees in condition A removes partly what little carbohydrates there are and therefore makes the proportion of carbohydrates as the leaf area is less. This means that the trees is weakened

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EDITORS STORY
Starring in "The Silent Woman" at Moore's Theatre, Sat. night Jan. 24th.

...in place of James McLaren.
At the recent elections, Mr. McLaren was declared elected by a majority of two. In the count Mr. Revett is returned by a majority of two. The vote officially stands, McLaren: 245; Revett, 267.
Mr. Kingstone appeared for Mr. Revett; Mr. Brennan for Mr. McLaren. John Knox, township clerk was in charge of the ball box.

PEONE—MICHENER (Grand Forks, B. C. Gazette)

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Michener (formerly of Grimsby) at 5.30 a.m. of Friday, December 26th, when their youngest daughter, Miss Maggie Milward Michener, became the bride of Mr. Victor Peone of Danville, Wash., the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Philip C. Hayman, rector of Holy Trinity Church. Only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties were present, the bride being attended by her sister Ivia, while Mr. Virgel Peone supported the groom. After a sumptuous wedding breakfast the happy couple left for Spokane on a honeymoon trip. They returned to town this week and will reside here temporarily.

BORN.

Kingdon—On Sunday January 15th, to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon J. Kingdon, Winona, a son (James Foran).

Jewson—At Fort Erie to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jewson, a daughter.

Rees—In Grimsby on Saturday, Jan. 17, 1926 to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rees a son (Henry John).

Mr. Biggs said that more were turned on the department highways than on any other department, "or will be when the ministers without seats claim them."

Reduce H. C. L.

"Probably the biggest problem we have to-day is that of the cost of living," said Mr. Biggs. "I have asked myself if we cannot, by using the money we get from motor licenses, the money the Dominion grants for roads, and a general appropriation from the consolidated funds of the province, spend the total on roads in such a way as to reduce the cost of living. And I am convinced we can (cheers), for nothing will so tend to reduce the cost of living in Ontario as good roads throughout the province."

Need Good Feeders

"I have been told several times to-night that we need trunk roads. Of course we do, and we are going to have them, but not until all produce can be brought to the consumer by trunk roads and this is especially true in Ontario because of the geographical shape of the province. Most people will admit that trunk roads are of little use for this purpose unless we have feeders to them. "Ninety per cent. of the roads that have been taken over by the province are provincial county roads, roads of major importance, the most important roads outside the trunk roads. Every road taken over by the province as a county road means just that much less expenditure on the local townships, and therefore that much more money that can be expended in extending township roads. Every time the government takes over the maintenance of some road from a county it means that the county can go ahead and build others."

Spending for Government

The Minister claimed that Premier Drury's remarks about Ontario highways had been misquoted. "What I say to-night is not only my own personal opinion and policy but it is the policy of Mr. Drury and the Ontario government," he said.

Pay Townships 20 Per Cent.

The minister declared it to be the government's policy to pay the townships 20 per cent. of the cost of their roads the work to be done under government supervision.

"I have no use for statute labor," declared the minister amid loud laughter. "If you commute statute labor you commute a very good annual holiday. The counties have the right under the law to abolish it, and they should do so. In Ontario there were 1,000,000 statute labor days last year, and at \$1.50 a day it runs into a heavy expenditure."

Pay 40 P. C. of Salary

The speaker declared that superintendents of roads should be very carefully selected. The late government had paid one-quarter of the salary of the superintendent up to \$600. The government in future would pay forty per cent. of the salary.

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His Majesty the King, to his coronation. In 1910 Capt. Kidd married Miss Kathleen Syme, of London. Mrs. Kidd has returned to Canada with her gallant-soldier.

The summer of 1919, Mrs. Kidd and Miss Lilah resolved to go to see their son and brother, and, accompanied by Miss Marguerite, they sailed from New York on August 30. Capt. Kidd followed on November 15th and the whole party returned to GRIMSBY on Sunday morning of this week.

Capt. R. H. Kidd, M.C., is but an example of the "stuff we get 'em" during the strenuous years of 1914-18 and to GRIMSBY he has brought honor; upholding the best traditions of Canada and its manhood in the field and "carrying on" in the face of all odds. We welcome Capt. Kidd warmly, and so words of our can convey to him the thanksgiving we feel over his safe return to his native heath.

HOW THE EARTH WAS SAVED

By George Wilson, in High School Meteor

Professor Spondulicks, a noted and learned astronomer of the age, was very much interested in the stars and heavenly bodies. He built a monstrous telescope through which he could see millions of miles. One night while studying the stars and meteors he discovered a huge planet falling at a terrific rate of speed toward the earth. At first he did not give it much thought, but in thinking it over he realized to his great alarm that the earth was much smaller than the falling planet and consequently if the planet's downward fall were not checked, the earth would be completely annihilated.

Then the professor resolved to find some way of saving the earth from destruction. He decided that he first must have a gun to blow the planet to pieces. Therefore he manufactured a wonderful weapon which would fire a shell that would explode with terrific force. Now the professor was puzzled. He found by making minute calculations that he could not fire this gun from the earth in time to save it. He consulted his best friend (not Mrs. Spondulicks) and they decided to build a huge airplane with all conveniences for an expedition to the moon. Once there, they would destroy the falling planet. The time for the planet to pass the moon was found to be June 8, and as it was now May 26 they had to make hurried preparations. In the airplane they installed huge machines to manufacture oxygen, and a great many machines to drive it.

The professor had a very adventurous daughter named Typhena, and she seeing her father fitting out this machine for such an expedition, was very anxious to go with him. She asked his consent but he flatly refused. This made her all the more determined to go so with the help of her lover, Gerald Dingleberry, she secreted herself in a box labelled "Pork and Beans," and was put on board with the rest of the supplies. The airplane now being ready to depart Professor Spondulicks shook hands and bid all his friends farewell. Then he asked for his daughter. Gerald knowing her secret told him she was sick. The Professor was in such a hurry to depart that he did not have time to go and see, so her scheme was not found out.

Amid much cheering the airplane

started on its adventurous journey. Twenty-four hours later we find the airplane five hundred thousand miles from the moon having travelled at the

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BAD ACCIDENT

Owing to a serious accident, which came within an ace of totally destroying one of our big Linotype machines, without which a newspaper could not publish we are forced to leave an abundance of real live news and locals out of this issue. Lying on the "Copy-board" of the machine at the time of the accident was a full and complete report of last weeks council meeting, which was also destroyed. Most of the matter will be used next week. With the one machine out of commission it is an absolute impossibility for the other machine to get up all the copy in time for publication this week.

action could be taken against an Inland Revenue Officer until thirty days after he had made a seizure, and then only after notifying him in writing that action was to be taken. They claimed that Livingston was going beyond his powers when he issued the warrant, and that he could be dealt with for so doing. Justice Livingston called the officers to order on this point and told them that he could not be lulled, so they better drop that line of argument.

Crooks could, the men stated, have obtained his tool had he made a claim to the Inland Revenue Department for it, and if they thought he had a right to it they would have returned it to him. They admitted taking the tool from the farm, but claimed that they seized it as part of the still, as they could have done with anything else on the farm had they liked. Justice Livingston took them very low that the die had been Crooks' property for years, was in his cellar when found and that the still according to the evidence at the trial was a most complete one and was buried in the haymow, and he did not believe they could take anything from a man's premises that was not connected with the still.

According to Baby a list of all the stuff taken at the time of seizure was made up and presented to Justices Livingston and Anderson and they in turn forfeited it to the Crown, and had Crooks had a claim on these goods he should have made it at the time and all would have been settled then and there. His Worship, stated that while a list may have been compiled it had never been presented to the court at the time of the trial and that they never forfeited anything to the crown.

Inspector Baby wished to lay the matter before his department heads and the case was laid over for two weeks.

A COURSE IN FRUIT GROWING

A special course in fruit growing has been arranged for to be held in the Town Hall, Beamsville, from February 6th, inclusive.

Authorities with Dominion wide reputation have been secured to address the meetings. The entire week will be devoted to a study of fruit growing as suited to the best needs of this district.

The courses are intended for young and old, for experienced and inexperienced growers.

For further particulars and programme write the Department of Agriculture, St. Catharines, or watch next weeks edition of the INDEPENDENT.

Everybody come and bring your neighbors.

FOR COUGHS IN HORSES.

A most beneficial preparation to use for coughs in horses, heaves, asthma, broken wind, etc., is Cook's Cough and Heave Powders. It loosens the phlegm in the throat, invigorates and strengthens the entire system. 25c per can, 5 for \$1.00 at Parke and Parke, Limited, Market Square, Hamilton.